

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A facsimile apparatus comprising:

a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network;

a printer which prints an arbitrary image;

a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation mail has arrived, determines whether a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section is notified by the delivery confirmation mail; and

a control section which causes the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if the determining section has determined that the delivery failure is notified.

2. A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

an acceptance section which accepts user designation as to whether or not the delivery confirmation mail is requested, if the user requests transmission of the image data; and

a request section which causes the communication section to perform transmission of the image data with the request of the delivery confirmation mail, in response to the acceptance section accepting the user designation that the delivery confirmation mail is requested,

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wherein the control section causes the printer to print the image based on the delivery confirmation mail regardless of a determination result of the determining section, if the delivery confirmation mail has arrived  
5 in response to the transmission of the image data with the request of the delivery confirmation mail performed under control of the request section.

3. A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the communication section transmits an e-mail,  
10 to which image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

4. A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of  
15 a computer network;

a storage which stores image data which has been transmitted by the communication section;

a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation mail has arrived, determines whether  
20 a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section is notified by the delivery confirmation mail; and

a control section which causes the communication section to retransmit, when the determining section has  
25 determined that the delivery failure is notified, that image data of said image data stored in the storage, which is notified by the delivery confirmation mail as

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having failed to be delivered.

5. A facsimile apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein the determining section determines whether the  
delivery failure is due to a predetermined cause with  
5 which the possibility of success in delivery by  
retransmission is low,

and the control section does not perform  
retransmission if the determining section determines  
that the delivery failure is due to the predetermined  
10 cause.

6. A facsimile apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein the determining section determines whether the  
delivery failure of the image data is due to lack of  
reception capability of a receiving terminal, if the  
15 reception capability of the receiving terminal is  
indicated in the delivery confirmation mail,

and the control section causes the communication  
section to retransmit the image data in a form  
receivable with the reception capability indicated in  
20 the delivery confirmation mail, if the determining  
section determines that the delivery failure of the  
image data is due to the lack of the reception  
capability of the receiving terminal.

7. A facsimile apparatus according to claim 4,  
25 wherein the communication section transmits an e-mail,  
to which image data is attached as an attachment file,  
based on an e-mail protocol.

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8. A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus having a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network, and a printer which prints an arbitrary image, the method comprising:

determining, if a delivery confirmation mail has arrived, whether a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section is notified by the delivery confirmation mail, and

causing the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if has been determined that the delivery failure is notified.

9. A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus having a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network, and a storage which stores image data which has been transmitted by the communication section, the method comprising:

determining, if a delivery confirmation mail has arrived, whether a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section is notified by the delivery confirmation mail, and

causing the communication section to retransmit, when it has been determined that the delivery failure is notified, that image data of said image data stored in the storage, which is notified by the delivery confirmation mail as having failed to be delivered.

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